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Lori Berenson, right, from New York, stands in front of Peruvian judge Jessica Leon after an audience at a courthouse in Lima, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Leon granted house arrest to Berenson after 15 years in prison for aiding leftist rebels.

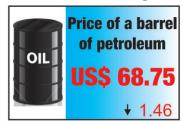
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SPORTS NEWS RODDICK RALLIES



USA's Andy Roddick throws his racket as he plays Finland's Jarkko Nieminen during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Paris.

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In this Thursday, April 22, 2010 photo, the American Flag flies along the international border in Nogales, Ariz. President Barack Obama will send 1,200 National Guard troops to help secure the U.S.-Mexico border, an administration official and an Arizona congresswoman said Tuesday, pre-empting Republican plans to try to force votes on such a deployment.

Associated Press

Troops to the Mexican border: Obama to send 1,200

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N. Korea cuts ties with South, raises war rhetoric

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Relations on the divided Korean peninsula plunged to their lowest point in a decade Tuesday when the North declared it was cutting all ties to Seoul as punishment for blaming the communists for the sinking of a South Korean warship. The announcement came a day after South Korea took steps that were seen as among the strongest it could take short of military action. Seoul said it would slash trade with the North and deny permission to its cargo ships to pass through South Korean waters. It also resumed a propaganda offensive — including blaring Western music into the North and dropping leaflets by balloon.

North Korea said it was cutting all ties with the South until President Lee Myung-bak leaves office in early 2013, the official Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch monitored in Seoul late Tuesday.

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5 weeks of gushing oil: Top kill' plug readied



Douglas Inkley, left, from the National Wildlife Federation, stands near oil-soaked vegetation on an island impacted by oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in Barataria Bay just inside the coast of Louisiana, Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Associated Press

MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking five disastrous weeks, BP readied yet another attempt to slow the oil gushing into the Gulf on Tuesday. *Read more on Page 5*



A South Korean activist tears North Korean flags during a ally against the communist neighbor near the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Tensions on the Korean peninsula soared Tuesday as South Korea resumed propaganda broadcasts into North Korea in retaliation for the deadly sinking of a warship, while the North's leader reportedly has ordered troops ready for combat.

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Democrats, Republicans padding U.S. war-funding bill



Defense Secretary Robert Gates, second from left, and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, second from right, stand with the incoming Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Robert Papp, Jr., left, and outgoing Commandant Adm. Thad Allen, during a change of command ceremony at Fort McNair in Washington, Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Associated Press

ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers in both parties are using President Barack Obama's war funding request to advance unrelated pet initiatives like money to help secure the U.S.-Mexico border and to prevent teacher layoffs. In the House, Obama's

\$63 billion request for war funding, disaster relief and aid to nations like earthquakeravaged Haiti and war-torn Afghanistan has swelled to \$84 billion under a draft measure being readied for a key panel vote on Thursday. Democrats such as House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, a

Democrat, are pushing \$23 billion to help school districts avoid teacher layoffs, along with \$6 billion to make up for a funding shortfall in grants for low-income college students and lesser amounts to hire border patrol agents and help Mexico fight drug cartels.

Meanwhile, Senate Republicans are using a sleaker \$58.8 billion version of Obama's war funding bill to try to add billions of dollars to boost security along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Since the war funding measure is the only appropriations bill likely to pass in the next four months, it's being eyed by lawmakers in both parties seeking to deal now with violence along the southern border, the Gulf oil spill disaster and a variety of domestic programs. But the pressure for more spending is running into resistance from lawmakers worried about out-of-control deficits and Congress' reputation for

profligacy on spending.

The Senate measure, currently being debated on the floor, blends about \$30 billion for President Barack Obama's 30,000-troop surge Afghanistan with more than \$5 billion to replenish disaster aid accounts, as well as funding for Haitian earthquake relief. Because of the need to attract Republican votes, Democrats have kept the Senate bill fairly "clean," at least as emergency spending bills go. The measure comes in under Obama's requests and won unanimous support from the Appropriations panel earlier this month. Sen. John Cornyn of border state Texas is just on of several Republicans seeking to add money for border security. He has offered a \$2 billion amendment to award grants to state and local law enforcement agencies, provide new unmanned surveillance aircraft, and hire hundreds of immigration and border agents, among other steps.

Sen. John McCain, another border state lawmaker, offered an amendment to provide \$250 million to send 6,000 National Guard troops to the Mexican border. Democrats were consider countering with a proposal of their own in the wake of a White House announcement that Obama would seek \$500 million to send 1,200 guardsmen to the border and take other border security steps.

The underlying war funding measure — which Senate leaders hope to pass by the end of the week — would bring the amount provided by Congress for the Iraq and Afghanistan war efforts to \$1 trillion.

In all, the bill would add \$134 billion to the federal budget deficit, drawing opposition from Republicans and some Democrats. House leaders said Tuesday they were determined to pass the bill this week to avoid allowing jobless benefits to expire for thousands of people.





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Troops to the Mexican border: Obama to send 1,200

ERICA WERNER JACQUES BILLEAUD **Associated Press Writers**

(AP) WASHINGTON — Under pressure to take action, President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to boost security along the U.S.-Mexico border, preempting Republican efforts to force a congressional vote to send the troops.

Obama will also request \$500 million for border and protection law enforcement activities, according to lawmakers and administration officials.

The president's action comes as chances for comprehensive immigration reform, Obama's long-stated goal, look increasingly dim in this election year. Obama has been all but compelled to do something since Arizona's passage of a tough illegal-immigration thrust the border problem into the public spotlight.

Indeed, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer credited her signing of the controversial new law for compelling Obama to act. Signing the law, Brewer said in a statement, "clearly ignited the talk of action in Washington for the people of Arizona and other border states."

Guard The National will work on troops intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and training, and support efforts to block drug trafficking. They will temporarily supplement Border Patrol agents until Customs and Border Protection can recruit and train additional officers and agents to serve on the border, according to a letter Tuesday from top administration security officials to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin.

In 2006, President George W. Bush sent thousands of troops to the border to perform support duties that tie up immigration agents. But that program has since ended, and politicians in border states have called for troops to be sent to curb human and drug smuggling and to deal with Mexico's drug violence that has been spilling over into the United States.

The White House released the letter signed by national security adviser James Jones and White House counterterror chief John Brennan not long after Obama met at the Capitol with Republican senators who pressed him on immigration issues, including the question of sending troops to the border. Arizona Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl have been urging such a move, and Republicans planned to try to require it as an amendment to a pending war spending

In a speech Tuesday on the Senate floor, McCain said the situation on the U.S.-Mexico border has "greatly deteriorated." He called for 6,000 National Guard troops to be sent, and he asked for \$250 million more to pay for

"I appreciate the additional 1,200 being sent ... as well as an additional \$500 million, but it's simply not enough," McCain said.

Democrats were considering countering McCain's amendment with a proposal of their own after disclosure of the administration plans. The White House wasn't expected to formally send its spending request to Capitol Hill until after the Memorial Day recess, said Kenneth Baer, spokesman for the White House Office of Management and Budget. A military official said Tuesday that details were still being worked out on the troops' orders and destinations, adding that the timing of their deployment was not yet clear. Also undetermined was which units from which states would deploy.

The Defense Department, which has been jousting with the Homeland Security Department for the better part of a year over the possible deployment, had previously expressed concerns that the troops not be used for law enforcement duties. Pentagon officials are worried about perceptions that the U.S. was militarizing the border.

The administration's plans appear to use Guard troops only in a supporting role, according to the military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details were still being worked out. Some of the troops will be armed, but others will not.

Arizona Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said the situation on the ground now is different from when Bush deployed the Guard. Arrests have fallen in the Arizona sector and there've been record drug seizures.

She said the border is more violent and law enforcement is outgunned. She and other lawmakers want the troops to be armed — they were not in the previous deployment. She said the U.S. needs to "spend what it takes" to secure its border with Mexico

The Mexican Embassy said Tuesday it hoped the National Guard troops would be used to fight drug cartels and not enforce immigration laws. Mexico has traditionally objected to the use of military forces to control undocumented migration, saying such measures would criminalize migrants and open the way for potential abuse.

Cecilia Munoz, White House directorofintergovernmental affairs, told a group of



Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard announces that he has been informed the Obama administration will send 1,200 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border, during a news conference Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in Phoenix.

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Tuesday that the National Patrol agents are deployed Guard troops would not deal now, mostly along the directly with migrants.

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President Obama clashes with Republican sen



President Barack Obama, escorted by Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance Gainer, leaves Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, after a meeting with Senate Republicans behind closed doors for talks ranging from jobs to the massive Gulf oil spill and prospects for strengthening border security this election year.

CHARLES BABINGTON Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama walked into a remarkably contentious 80-minute session Tuesday in which Republican senators accused him of duplicity, audacity and unbending partisanship.

Lawmakers said the testy left legislative exchange

logiams intact, and one Republican leader said nothing is likely to change before the November elections.

Obama's sharpest accuser was Bob Corker, a firstterm senator who feels the administration his efforts to craft a bipartisan financial regulation bill.

"I told him I thought there was a degree of audacity in him

reporters. "I just wanted him to tell me how, when he wakes up in the morning, comes over to a luncheon like ours today, undermined how does he reconcile that duplicity?" Four people who were in the

> room said Obama bristled and defended his administration's handling of negotiations. On

both men repeated their main points.

"I told him there was a tremendous disconnect from his words and the actions of his administration," Corker

White House spokesman Bill Burton, who attended the session in the Capitol, said the exchange "was actually pretty civil." The senators applauded Obama, who had requested the luncheon, when he entered and left the room. Obama told reporters as he departed, "It was a good, frank discussion about a whole range of issues."

Some Republicans were less

"He needs to take a Valium before he comes in and talks to Republicans," Sen. Pat Roberts told reporters. "He's pretty thin-skinned."

Sen. David Vitter said he addressed Obama, "trying to demand overdue action" on the giant oil spill damaging Gulf coast states. He said got "no specific response" except Obama's pledge to have an authoritative White House official call him within hours. Sen. John McCain, Obama's 2008 presidential opponent, said he pressed the president immigration issues. McCain said he told Obama "we need to secure the border first" before taking other steps. "The president didn't agree," he said.

McCain said he defended his state's pending immigration law, which Obama could lead to discrimination. directs police, when questioning people about possible law violations, to ask about their immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" they're in the country illegally.

At the luncheon, McCain said, "I pointed out that members of his administration who have not read the law have mischaracterized the law — a very egregious act on their part." Burton said Obama told McCain that he has read the Arizona law himself, and his concerns remain.

After the luncheon, no one suggested the two parties were even a smidgen closer to resolving differences over energy, immigration and other issues that Obama has said he wants to act on this year.

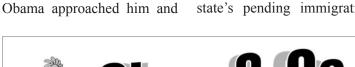
Senators said the November elections — all 435 House of Representatives seats, 36 Senate seats and another three dozen governors' seats are up for grabs — were not overtly mentioned. But they were an unmistakable backdrop.

Republicans hope for big gains, maybe even control of the House. They are banking on voter resentment of Obama initiatives such as the new health care law, and many see little point in cooperating with Obama and Democratic lawmakers at this point.

Sen.JohnBarrassocomplained to Obama about the partisan genesis of the health care enacted without a law. single Republican vote in Congress. Administration aides repeatedly have said Republican input welcome, but none within reason turned up.

It's hard to know if Obama genuinely thought luncheon visit would melt some of the partisan iciness. Several Republican senators and aides in the room said he seemed to be going through the motions, not making real efforts at consensus.

As the Senate wrapped up its business Tuesday, Obama was flying to California to headline a fundraiser for Sen. Barbara Boxer, one of Congress' most liberal members and a top Republican target this fall.



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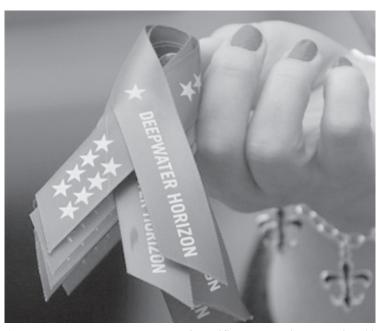


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A woman who asked not to be identified holds ribbons with 11 stars that were given attendees to the memorial service honoring the eleven men who died in the offshore rig explosion that triggered the Gulf oil spill, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Jackson, Miss. Attendees listened to tributes from country music stars and drilling company executives.

Associated Press

MATTHEW DALY **Associated Press Writer** WASHINGTON (AP)

- Marking five disastrous weeks, BP readied yet another attempt to slow the oil gushing into the Gulf on Tuesday as a federal report alleged drilling regulators have been so close to oil and gas companies they've been accepting gifts and even negotiating to go work for them.President Barack Obama prepared to head to the Gulf on Friday to review efforts to halt the millions of gallons (liters) of contaminating crude, while scientists said underwater video of the leak showed the plume growing significantly darker, suggesting heavier, more-polluting oil is spewing out. Ahead of his trip to the Gulf, Obama planned to address an Interior Department review of offshore drilling that's expected to recommend tougher safety protocols and inspections for the industry, according to an administration official. The official spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the public release Thursday of the findings of the 30-day

review Obama ordered after the spill.

BP's next effort to stop the damaged oil well, perhaps Wednesday, will be to forcefeed heavy drilling mud and cement into the well to plug it up. The tactic, called a "top kill," has never been tried a mile beneath the sea, and company executives estimate its chances of success at 60 to 70 percent. Also on Tuesday, in Mississippi, 11 men who died in the April 20 rig explosion were honored at a somber memorial service with tributes from country music stars and drilling company executives.

"This is the one of the most difficult days for many of us here. But for the families of our 11 lost colleagues, this is just another of many difficult days," said Steven Newman, CEO of Transocean Ltd., the Swiss-based owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig.

Washington, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said he has been laboring to root out problems at the agency that regulates offshore drilling. And the Justice Department

5 weeks of gushing oil: Top kill' plug readied

steps to ensure that those responsible for the disastrous blowout and oil spill are held accountable.

Congress, lawmakers continued feuding over a law that caps oil spill liability at \$75

said it will take all appropriate million for economic damages general found that an inspector beyond direct cleanup costs. Democrats have tried to pass a bill raising the limit to \$10 billion but have been blocked by Republicans.

A new report from the Interior Department's acting inspector

for the Minerals Management Service, which oversees drilling, admitted crystal methamphetamine and said he might have been under the influence of the drug at





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The North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification said it would expel all South Korean government officials working at a joint industrial park in the northern border town of Kaesong, and South Korean ships and airliners would be banned from passing through its territory.

The North's committee said it would start "all-out counterattacks" against the South's psychological warfare, and called its moves "the first phase" of punitive measures against Seoul, suggesting more action could follow.

Earlier Tuesday, one Seoul-based monitoring agency reported that North Korea's leader ordered its 1.2 million-member military to get ready for combat. South Korean officials could not immediately confirm the report, and its military said it had no indication of unusual activity by North Korea's military. North Korea often issues fiery rhetoric and regularly vows to wage war against South Korea and the U.S.

South Korea wants to bring North Korea before the U.N. Security Council over the sinking, and has U.S. support. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was to visit South Korea on Wednesday.

Clinton was in Beijing on Tuesday, wrapping up two days of intense strategic and economic talks with China, which responded coolly to U.S. appeals that it support international action against North Korea over the warship sinking.

The North and South have technically remained at war since the 1950-53 Korean War

ended with an armistice rather than a peace treaty.

Tensions have risen since last week, when a team of international investigators concluded that a torpedo from a North Korean submarine tore apart the Cheonan warship on March 26, killing 46 South Korean sailors.

The North flatly denies involvement in the sinking of the Cheonan, one of the South's worst military disasters since the Korean War, and has warned that retaliation would mean war.

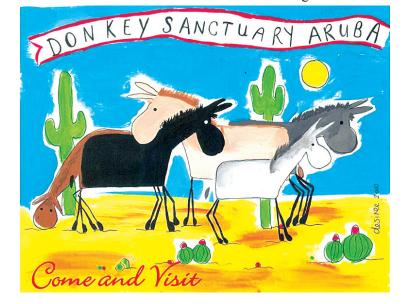
South Korea's Unification Ministry said it had no immediate comment on the North Korean statement on cutting ties.

However, spokeswoman Lee Jong-joo that although the North was expelling eight South Korean officials from the Kaesong complex, some 800 South Korean company managers and workers will remain. Yonhap news agency said that suggested the North had no intention of completely shutting down the Kaesong park, as South Korea also decided to keep the complex intact

The U.S. and South Korea are planning two major military exercises off the Korean peninsula in a display of force intended to deter future aggression by North Korea, the White House said. The U.S. has 28,500 troops in South Korea.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said it was "odd" that North Korea would sever ties to the South, given the precarious state of the North Korean economy.

"I can't imagine a step that is less in the long-term interest





South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan, left, shakes hands with Chinese nuclear envoy Wu Dawei before their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. South Korea has won U.S. support for slashing trade to North Korea and vowed to haul its communist neighbor before the U.N. Security Council for a torpedo attack that sank a South Korean warship and killed 46 sailors.

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of the North Korean people than cutting off further ties with South Korea," he said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Monday he expects the Security Council to take action against North Korea, but China — North Korea's main ally and a veto-wielding council member — has so far done little but urge calm. North Korea is already subject to various U.N.-backed sanctions following earlier nuclear and missile tests

Rice, the U.S. Susan ambassador to the United Nations, said Tuesday that the U.S. was waiting for Seoul to decide when and how it will bring the issue to the council. South Korea is not expected to go to the council until after visits to Seoul by Clinton on Wednesday and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao on Friday, a U.N. diplomat familiar with the issue said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the contacts.

In Beijing, Clinton said she had "very productive and very detailed" discussions with Chinese officials but could not say if any progress had been made in convincing the Chinese to back U.N. action. "We know this is a shared

responsibility, and in the days

ahead we will work with the international community and our Chinese colleagues to fashion an effective, appropriate response," she told reporters.

Her Chinese counterpart in the discussions merely repeated his government's standard line.

"Relevant parties should calmly and appropriately handle the issue and avoid escalation of the situation," Chinese State Counselor Dai Bingguo said.

As part of its propaganda offensive, South Korea's military resumed radio broadcasts airing Western music, news and comparisons between the South and North Korean political and economic situation late Monday, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The military also planned to launch propaganda leaflets by balloon and other methods on Tuesday night to inform North Koreans about the ship sinking.

South Korea also will install dozens of loudspeakers and towering electronic billboards along the heavily armed land border to urge communist soldiers to defect.

On Tuesday, North Korean state media cited the powerful National Defense Commission as saying the North's soldiers

ahead we will work with the and reservists were bracing to international community launch a "sacred war" against and our Chinese colleagues South Korea.

The North's military also claimed Tuesday that dozens of South Korean navy ships violated the countries' disputed western sea border this month and threatened to take "practical" military measures in response.

North Korea put its army on high alert following a November sea battle with South Korea near where the Cheonan went down in March. The Koreas also fought bloody maritime skirmishes in the disputed area in 1999 and 2002.

Relations are at their lowest point since a decade ago, when South Korea began reaching out to the North with unconditional aid as part of reconciliation efforts. Lee has taken a harder line since taking office in 2008, and the South has suspended aid.

Seoul-based North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity said Tuesday that North Korean leader Kim Jong II last week ordered his military to get ready for combat.

The group, citing unidentified sources in North Korea, said the order was broadcast last Thursday on speakers installed in each house and at major public sites throughout the country.

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Peru judge paroles New York woman

FRANKLIN BRICENO **Associated Press Writer**

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A judge granted parole Tuesday to Lori Berenson, a 40-year-old New York activist who has spent 15 years in Peruvian prisons for aiding leftist rebels.

Judge Jessica Leon granted Berenson's request for conditional release during a hearing at the Lima prison where the American is being held. She said Berenson cannot leave Peru until her 20-year sentence for terrorist collaboration ends in November 2015.

Berenson, who gave birth to a son a year ago, nodded assent but did not speak when asked by the judge if she accepted the decision.

"I'm happy with the sentence because justice was done," said her lawyer, Anibal Apari, who is also father of Berenson's child, Salvador.

Apari said Berenson, whom he met in prison and married in 2003, would be freed within 24 hours. Their child has been living with his mother in prison since his birth last May.

Apari is a former member of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, or MRTA, the now defunct leftist band of which Berenson was convicted of helping.

The judge's decision, read by a clerk, said Berenson had "completed re-education, rehabilitation and re-socialization"

demonstrated "positive behavior."

Berenson had said in her parole request that she planned to work as a translator if released. Her defense team said she "recognized she committed errors in involving herself in activites of the MRTA."

Berenson had long denied any wrongdoing and maintained she was a political prisoner.

The daughter of two Ph.Ds., Berenson dropped out of the Massachussets Institute of Technology in 1989 to pursue a passion for social justice. After working in Central America, she traveled to Peru in 1994.

Berenson was arrested in 1995 and accused of aiding Tupac Amaru, which bombed banks and kidnapped and killed civilians but was not as violent as the better-known Shining Path insurgency.

Police claimed she helped coordinate Tupac Amaru activities and obtained weapons for the group. She was convicted of terrorism by a military court in 1996.

A civilian court retried Berenson in 2000, convicting her of the lesser crime and reducing her sentence to 20 years.

The Associated Press left telephone messages with Berenson's parents and lawyer in the United States that were not immediately returned.



Lori Berenson, left, from New York, is escorted by police officers as she arrives for an audience at a courthouse in Lima, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. A Peruvian judge granted house arrest to Berenson after 15 years in prison for aiding leftist rebels.

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Trinidad and Tobago elects first female prime minister

TONY FRASER
Associated Press Writer

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Trinidad and

Trinidad & Tobago opposition leader and Prime Ministerelect Kamla Persad-Bissessar waves to supporters at her party headquarters on the night after the general election, in Port of Spain, late Monday, May 24, 2010. Persad-Bissessar is set to become the first woman prime minister in the energy-rich Caribbean nation.

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Tobago has elected its first female prime minister in an early election, ousting an incumbent hurt by soaring crime and allegations of public corruption.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar and her five-party People's Partnership coalition won 29 of 41 seats in the Caribbean nation's parliament, according to preliminary election results Tuesday.

The 59-year-old attorney told thousands of supporters at a celebration early Tuesday morning that her government will not allow one ethnic group or social class to dominate the twin-island country.

"We will build on our collective strength and character and everyone of us will rise; no one will be left behind," said Persad-Bissessar, whose United National Congress party draws support mainly from people of East Indian ancestry.

Two-term incumbent Prime Minister Patrick Manning had called elections 30 months ahead of schedule. His People's National Movement, which draws most of its support from people of African descent, held a 26-15 advantage in the House of Representatives before the vote.

"We accept the results and I accept full responsibility for it," Manning told his supporters late Monday night. He said he will be evaluating his own future after 40 years in politics.

Ahead of Monday's vote, Persad-Bissessar promised more community-based policing, higher pensions and a fund for children who need medical treatment they can only get elsewhere.

Manning, who also served as prime minister for four years in the early 1990s, highlighted his government's spending on education and training programs for young people. His campaign warned that the economy could suffer from handing the vital energy sector to a government without Manning's experience.

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Jamaica police: 30 dead in battle with drug gang

DAVID McFADDEN, Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)
— Thousands of heavily armed police and soldiers barged past barricades into the capital's most violent slums on Tuesday, clashing with die-hard defenders of a gang leader sought by the United States. At least 30 people have died, officials said.

Jamaica's security forces, reeling from bold attacks by masked gangsters loyal to underworld boss Christopher "Dudus" Coke, were in the midst of a nearly daylong assault in the heart of West Kingston's ramshackle slums, long afflicted by gang strife.

But Coke was still at large despite the raid in his stronghold, National Security Minister Dwight Nelson told reporters at news conference. The suspect's lead attorney, Don Foote, has refused to say whether Coke was hunkered

Don Foote, has refused to say whether Coke was hunkered down in the barricaded Tivoli Gardens slum or was somewhere else in the country.

On Tuesday, the third consecutive day of unrest, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars intended to block outsiders. The sound of gunfire echoed across the

neighborhoods in Jamaica's south coast, far from the all-inclusive tourist meccas of the north shore.

Police spokesman Corporal Richard Minott told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the fighting in West Kingston alone has killed 26 civilians and one security official. Police had reported that earlier fighting killed two officers and a soldier.

It was not immediately clear what was happening inside the patchwork of slums where Coke's supporters began massing last week after Prime Minister Bruce Golding dropped his nine-month refusal to extradite Coke, who has ties to his political party. Golding's office announced that Jamaica's ombudsman and the chief public defender were hoping to head to Tivoli Gardens to independently "ascertain the precise number of persons who have been killed or injured" there.

Near barricaded Hannah Town, which has seen intense firefights since gunmen burned down the police station Sunday, medical staff at the Kingston Public Hospital have been treating patients as best they can amid the violence, but the blood bank was running low, Health Minister Rudyard Spencer said.

Kingston streets outside the battle zones were mostly empty, schools and numerous businesses were closed, and area hospitals offered only emergency services. The government on Sunday implemented a monthlong state of emergency.

The violence has not spilled into the capital's wealthier neighborhoods, but gangs from slums just outside the capital have joined the fight, erecting barricades on roadways and shooting at troops.

In the gang-heavy town of Portmore, police said gunmen sprayed bullets at a minivan ferrying local people. It was not clear if anyone died.

But West Kingston, which includes the Trenchtown slum where reggae superstar Bob Marley was raised, remains the epicenter of the violence. Gangsters loyal to Coke began barricading the area's streets and preparing for battle immediately after Golding caved in last Monday to a growing public outcry over his opposition to extradition. Jamaica's leader, whose represents West Kingston in Parliament, had claimed the U.S. indictment relied on illegal wiretap evidence.

Security Minister Dwight Nelson said "police are on top of the situation," but



Policemen go into action at the Central Police Station gate in downtown Kingston after gunmen open fire on them on Monday May 24, 2010. Thousands of police and soldiers stormed the Jamaican ghettos in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.

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gunfire was reported in several poor communities and brazen gunmen even shot up Kingston's central police station. The drug trade is deeply entrenched in Jamaica, which is the largest producer of marijuana in the region and where gangs have become powerful organized crime networks involved in international gun smuggling. It fuels one of the world's highest murder rates; the island of 2.8 million people had about 1,660 homicides in 2009.

The violence has its roots in the 1970s, when political factions armed gangs to

intimidate opponents ahead of the 1980 general elections. But the politicians long ago lost control of the gangs. Armed with AK-47s and other assault weapons, they have fought bloody turf wars for control of extortion rings that have provoked a cycle of seemingly endless revenge killings.

In a sun-splashed island known more for reggae music and all-inclusive resorts, the violence erupted Sunday afternoon after nearly a week of rising tensions over the possible extradition of Coke to the United States, where he faces a possible sentence of life in prison.

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Review: Zombie franchise dies with 'Survival'



In this film publicity image released by Magnet Releasing, Wayne Robson, right, is shown in a scene from, 'Survival of the Dead.'

(AP Photo/Magnet Releasing)

By CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP Movie Critic

"Survival of the Dead" reveals that, sadly, George A. Romero's long-running zombie franchise may need to take a shotgun blast to the head.

Whereas its predecessors were indictments on consumerism (1978's "Dawn of the Dead") or online narcissism (2007's "Diary of the Dead"), at least they were about something. Romero, as writer and director, says "Survival of the Dead" is about war — as was the classic that started it all, 1968's "Night of the Living Dead," which served as a reflection of national disillusionment during Vietnam. These were movies that made you jump but they also made you think. While Romero's sixth zombie movie shows flashes of his signature cheeky sense of humor, it's never frightening or suspenseful. "Survival of the Dead" is little more than a rehashing of the old feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys — albeit one that's

shot like a Western, features Irish families and takes place on an island off the coast of Delaware. An island inhabited by ... zombies. Hey, points for coming up with such a random combination of factors, if nothing else.

As always, Romero finds creative methods of doing away with the undead. A bunch of their severed heads are placed on sticks, where they sit murmuring and grumbling to themselves until they're picked off, one by one, target-practice style. Another guy gets a fire extinguisher hose shoved up his mouth until his eyes and ears explode from his head.

It's good for a twisted laugh. But mostly, the movie is just a drag.

"Survival" picks up where "Diary" left off, with the opportunistic guardsmen stopping the film students' Winnebago and stealing their camera equipment and supplies. But with the zombie population increasing, the soldiers find they have few

places left to hide. Under the guidance of the super-macho, chain-smoking Sarge (Alan Van Sprang), they head out to Plum Island, which has been touted online as a safe zone. Of course, it's not.

Upon arrival, they find themselves in the middle of a longtime dispute between the O'Flynns, led by the crafty patriarch Patrick (Kenneth Welsh), and the Muldoons, led by the pious Shamus (Richard Fitzpatrick). The O'Flynns want to take the zombies out by shooting them immediately on sight — which makes sense. The Muldoons, meanwhile, want to preserve them in case there's a cure for the plague — something to do with religious reasons, as Shamus explains it.

An even more formidable force, however, is the campy acting among these sparring clans. The first time they meet on screen, the two family heads greet each other by their full names in the fakest Irish accents imaginable; it's like something out of a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

Not that Van Sprang proves himself to be a master thespian by comparison. Upon the death of one of his men — a supposedly powerful moment — Sarge yells, "Why? Did I bring you? WITH ME???" By the end, we'll wonder why any of us came along.

"Survival of the Dead," a Magnet release, is rated R for strong zombie violence/gore, language and brief sexuality. Running time: 90 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.



From left, 'The Today Show' co-hosts Ann Curry, Meredith Vieira, Hoda Kotb and Natalie Morales attend the 9th Annual Women Who Care Luncheon benefitingUnited Cerebral Palsy of NYC at Cipriani's 42nd Street, Thursday, May 6, 2010 in New York.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini)

Ann Curry apologizes for mixing up her Wheatons

By MARK PRATT,

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON – When "Today" show news anchor Ann Curry delivered the commencement speech at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, she named a list of distinguished alumni, including the Rev. Billy Graham, Wes Craven and Dennis Hastert.

The problem is the evangelist, the horror movie director and the former U.S. House Speaker all attended the Wheaton College in Illinois, not the one in Massachusetts.

The NBC newswoman on Monday sent an apology letter to the Massachusetts school's president, Ron Crutcher, and the college community.

"I am mortified by my mistake," she wrote, "and can only hope the purity of my motive, to find a way to connect with the graduates and encourage them to a life of service, will allow you to forgive me."

College spokesman Michael Graca said Tuesday the apology was accepted.

"We thought it was heartfelt and genuine," he said.

The 405 graduates and school administrators knew something was amiss Saturday as soon as Curry reeled off the erroneous names, "but then the moment was over and we moved on," Graca said. He noted that Curry received a standing ovation at the conclusion of her address.

The error has caused a buzz on the Illinois school's campus as well.

"People have gotten a bit of a chuckle out of it, but these things happen, and we're certainly not offended," said LaTonya Taylor, spokeswoman at the Illinois college.

It's not the first time someone has confused the schools and probably won't be the last, they both said. "It's just never happened in such a public setting," Graca said.

Dennis Quaid sues again over twins drug overdose

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) – Actor Dennis Quaid has launched another lawsuit against a drug maker over an accidental overdose of the blood-thinner Heparin that threatened the lives of his newborn twins in 2007.

The star of movies "The Rookie" and "The Big Easy" filed a second lawsuit against Baxter Healthcare Corp, a unit of Baxter International Inc, in Los Angeles Superior Court last Friday on behalf of his children.

It seeks unspecified damages and alleges the

overdose was due to a mix-up over similar labels on different doses of Heparin.

Baxter said on Tuesday that Quaid had previously filed a similar lawsuit in Illinois, where the company is based, which was dismissed and upheld twice on appeal.

The case stems from 2007 when the Quaid twins were given 10,000 units of Heparin rather than the 10 units of the Hep-Lock they were prescribed to treat an infection.

The actor claimed in his new lawsuit that Baxter

should have recalled the 10,000 unit vials of Heparin and warned medical providers because similar mistakes had happened previously.

Baxter said in a statement that investigations by the hospital and California health officials at the time determined that someone had not read the label on the Heparin vials.

"We feel that working together to address this issue would be more productive than continuing to litigate this matter in the courts," spokeswoman Erin Gardner said.

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Dow dips below 10,000, then bounces back

By TIM PARADIS and STEVENSON JACOBS, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK – The Dow Jones industrials plunged below 10,000 to their lowest level of the year Tuesday before a lateday rebound that erased most of the losses if not lingering worries about Europe's debt crisis.

The Dow dropped more than 250 points after the opening bell and stayed under 10,000 most of the day, then charged back to finish down only 22 when signals from Washington suggested that banks would not be forced to sell their lucrative derivatives units as part of financial reform. The Standard & Poor's 500 index even managed a slight gain.

But more turbulent days are likely. The market worries that even austerity measures by European governments will not be enough to fix the problem and fight off a prolonged economic slump in Europe, or even another global recession.

"It seems like the Europeans are playing 'tag, you're it' — first it was Greece, and now it's maybe Spain or Portugal," said Jonathan Corpina, a New York Stock Exchange floor trader and president of Meridian Equity Partners.

"We know someone else is next. The problem is that it seems like every plan in place isn't going to satisfy the needs," he said.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth

opened Parliament with a warning of hard times, saying in a speech on behalf of Britain's new government that there would be budget cuts because "the first priority is to reduce the deficit and restore economic growth."

Other European countries are imposing budget cuts as well, trying to control their debt. Investors are concerned that these steps will stifle economic growth, and that the growth of other countries, including the U.S., will inevitably be stunted. Besides the financial crisis in Europe, investors were reminded that political issues, such as tension between North and South Korea, can threaten economic growth. Analysts said the unresolved



Specialist Michael Pistillo, left, and traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

lay, May 25, 2010. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Gulf of Mexico oil spill also contributed to the foul mood. It was enough to send stocks into a deep dive. In just the first half-hour of trading, the Dow sank to 9,774.48, its lowest reading this year, and for much of the day threatened to set a new closing low for the year. The average is down more than 10 percent in just the past month.

But bank stocks surged, and the rest of the market followed, after Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, suggested financial companies should not have to spin off their derivatives businesses, as a Senate provision would have them do.

Frank, D-Mass., said he believes banks should be able to use the complex financial instruments to hedge their own risks. Bank regulators and Obama administration officials also oppose the Senate provision, which was inserted by Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.

The Dow has only closed below 10,000 once this year, in early February. Since then, it has traded below 10,000 seven times but each time managed to push above that psychological barrier by the close.

On Tuesday, the Dow finished

down 22.82 at 10,043.75. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 2.60 at 2,210.95, and the S&P 500 gained 0.38 to close at 1,074.03. Investors also fled from

Investors also fled from the euro and commodities including oil, and again sought safety in government bonds. That drove interest rates lower. The benchmark 10-year note's yield fell to its lowest level since April 2009.

The market's continuing slide, with frequent triple-digit drops in the Dow, recalls the unrelenting selling of the 2008 financial crash — and begs the question of what can halt the plunge.

Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments for PNC Wealth Management, said good news about jobs or corporate earnings could stabilize stocks by signaling that a U.S. recovery is intact.

The government's monthly jobs report in less than two weeks is expected to show that employers are ramping up hiring further. And companies will soon start giving hints about profits for the quarter that ends in June.

"You could derail growth in Europe and not derail growth in the United States, but people don't necessary use a lot of logic when they're headed to the exits," Dunigan said.

Geithner to confer with European leaders

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER,

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will meet with European finance officials this week to review a \$1 trillion rescue package that is being assembled to help stem the spreading debt crisis.

Geithner is to talk Wednesday in London with Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, who has just taken office in the government of new Prime Minister David Cameron. They plan to hold a joint news conference after, Treasury said.

He will also meet with Mervyn King, head of the Bank of England, and Vince Cable, the new government's secretary for business and trade, Treasury said.

Afterward, Geithner flies to Frankfurt for a working dinner with Jean-Claude Trichet, the head of the European Central Bank. He will wrap up the visit with a meeting in Berlin on Thursday with German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble.

A senior Treasury official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said Geithner wanted to discuss with Trichet and Schaeuble "the package of measures designed to promote confidence in Europe."

Geithner's meetings should be viewed as one in a series of discussions with America's partners in the Group of 20, the official said. The G-20 is a collection of major industrial

countries and fast-growing developing countries such as China, Brazil and India. It has taken the lead in coordinating a global economic response to the financial crisis that followed the collapse of Lehman Brothers in the fall of 2008.

Treasury officials played down market speculation that Geithner's meetings would produce coordinated action, such as an intervention to bolster the sagging euro. On Tuesday the euro sank close to a four-year low against the dollar.

The United States last intervened in currency markets in 2000. It was a surprise move to bolster the euro, which was coming under pressure after its introduction in early 1999.

The George W. Bush administration did not favor the government buying and selling dollars to influence exchange rates. The Bush administration believed such actions have limited impact on underlying market fundamentals

Ted Truman, a former top international official at the Federal Reserve, said he would not exclude a joint effort to bolster the euro. But he's not expecting such an announcement during Geithner's trip.

"It would be up to the Europeans. If they asked us to intervene to support the euro, I would be surprised if we didn't cooperate," said Truman, now a senior analyst at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

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Flyers advance to Stanley Cup finals

DAN GELSTON **AP Sports Writer**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers advanced to their first Stanley

Cup finals since 1997 with a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday.

Mike Richards scored an empty-net goal in a most bruising fashion, and Arron Asham and Jeff Carter scored goals 84 seconds apart in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals as the Flyers earned a chance to win their first Stanley Cup since 1975.

The Flyers, who needed a shootout win in the last game of the season to clinch a playoff spot, will play the Western Conference champion Chicago Blackhawks in Game 1 on Saturday.

Michael Leighton allowed a goal 59 seconds into the game, then shut down the Canadiens, who showed a resilient comeback spirit in



Philadelphia Flyers from left to right Danny Briere, Arron Asham, Ian Laperriere and Jeff Carter, facing camera, celebrate their 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 5 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference finals, Monday, May 24, 2010, in Philadelphia.

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the first two rounds. The Flyers took a 3-1 lead into the third period, leaving the

final 20 minutes as one raucous coronation party. 20,000 giddy fans dressed in Flyers!" but couldn't exhale until the end.

"I was counting down the clock the last 2 minutes, I couldn't wait for it to wind down," Leighton said. "Last couple of minutes we did a great job."

Once Carter scored the emptynetter in the final seconds, the crowd exploded in a championship frenzy.

This year's Flyers have shown an awesome ability to fight back on guts alone. Down 3-0 in the conference semifinals vs. Boston and trailing 3-0 in Game 7, the Flyers rallied to win in one of the sport's alltime great comebacks.

"We kept going and didn't quit. Down 0-3 we didn't quit all year that has been our motto. It feels good especially for the fans," Richards said. "It's been great so far. It's been great along the way. The journey

pumpkin-orange giveaway hasn't ended. Hopefully we T-shirts chanted "Let's Go have a Cinderella story in the end, but we need to prepare for Chicago."

> Carter, Simon Gagne and Ian Laperriere all pushed through potential series-ending injuries to return earlier than expected and deliver a shot at the Stanley Cup to Philadelphia.

> "It's a great feeling. We got a great team here, a great bunch of guys I'm proud of every one of them," Leighton said. "I said right from the beginning of the year, we just got to get in the playoffs and anything can happen. That's a tough team over there and we just played great."

> For all the knocks Philly takes as a title-starved sports town, all four major pro teams have made the championship round of their sport in the last 10 vears

The Phillies in 2008 have won Philadelphia's only championship since 1983.

NL Roundup

Harang leads Reds over Pirates 7-5

By JOE KAY

AP Baseball Writer

CINCINNATI – Drew Stubbs had three hits Monday night, and right-hander Aaron Harang singled home a run and chugged around the bases to score another during Cincinnati's fiverun fourth inning, leading the Reds to a 7-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Harang (3-5) singled for a 3-2 lead, then barely scored from first on Orlando Cabrera's double. He allowed four runs in 61-3 innings, including Ronny Cedeno's two-run homer. Stubbs added an RBI double and a solo homer.

Left-hander Brian Burres (2-2) walked the first two batters in the fourth to start the pivotal rally, which turned on Harang's two-out hit and his all-out dash.

Left-hander Arthur Rhodes pitched the eighth, extending his scoreless-innings streak to 16 1-3 innings. Francisco Cordero gave up a double in the ninth while earning his 15th save in 18

The Reds have won three of four and seven of their last 10, keeping them in a back-and-forth race with St. Louis for the top spot in the NL

Central. The victory on Monday moved them into a first-place tie with the Cardinals at 26-

They've won all four games against the Pirates this month, including a three-game sweep May 10-12 in Pittsburgh. Harang kept it going with his first-to-home dash that made the big inning possible.

Cincinnati loaded the bases with the help of two walks, but Ryan Hanigan grounded into a double play that brought home a run and tied it at 2. Up came Harang, an .090 career hitter who had only one RBI this season. Burres fell behind in the count 3-0, got a strike, then left a pitch over the plate. Harang lined it to left for a 3-2 lead.

Cabrera then doubled to the gap in left-center, getting the 6-foot-7, 260-pound Harang moving at his top speed. Harang was waved around third and barely beat the high relay throw home, stepping on the plate as catcher Ryan Doumit tagged his belt.



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NBA playoffs

Magic beats Celtics in OT to force Game 5

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics still have some work to do before they can play for their second NBA title in

three years, as the Orlando Magic won 96-92 in overtime Monday to stay alive in the Eastern Conference finals.

Dwight Howard had 32 points and 16 rebounds, and Jameer Nelson made back-to-back 3pointers in overtime to give Orlando victory in Game 4, putting the series score at 3-1. The Magic will host Game 5 on Wednesday.

"We know that we were down 3-0, and we didn't want to go home (for the season)," Howard said. "It starts with me and Jameer. Me and Jameer showed our leadership by playing hard. We've got to be the leaders for this team.

It's not about points, but just showing everybody, 'Hey, follow us and we'll lead the

No NBA team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series.

"At some point, somebody is going to come from 3-0 down and win a series. The only thing I knew for sure was it would start by winning Game 4," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I figured that one out. You have to win Game 4. ... This was a must-win."

Boston's Paul Pierce had 32 points and 11 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 12 boards. Ray Allen hit consecutive 3-pointers in overtime, but Pierce missed two tries in the final minute as the Celtics failed to complete the sweep.

"They don't want to leave.

We're going to have to throw them out," said Celtics forward Glen Davis. "It's just like somebody renting a house."

Orlando led by 10 in the second quarter and were up 85-78 with 2:24 left in regulation before Boston scored eight of the next nine points to force overtime at 86-all.

Neither team scored for the first 2:18 of the period before Nelson hit a 3-pointer and then added another 43 seconds later. Allen made a 3-pointer and, after Howard dunked and drew a foul - but missed a free throw — Allen hit another 3 to make it 94-92 to the Magic.

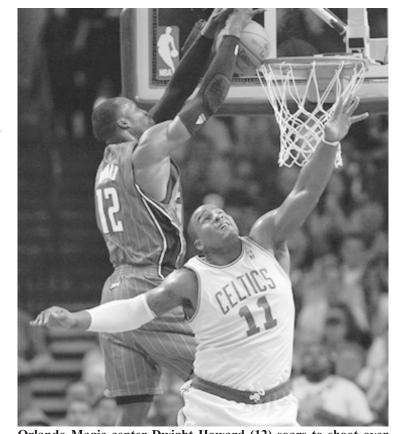
Howard followed up Nelson's miss with 53 seconds left to make it 96-92, then Garnett sailed a pass over Pierce's head and into the crowd. Pierce missed a pair of 3-



Stefano Garzelli jokingly wears a crown after winning the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia, tour of Italy cycling race, an individual time trial from San Vigilio Marebbe to Plan de Corones, Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

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some tough stages to go and I'm not counting anyone out yet." With snow lining the route and gradients as high as 24 percent, the stage was made even tougher with the final 3.3 miles on a dirt road



Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) soars to shoot over Boston Celtics forward Glen Davis (11) in the second quarter of Game 4 in the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Boston, Monday, May 24, 2010.

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Garzelli beats Evans in Giro mountain TT

SANVIGILIODIMAREBBE, Italy (AP) — Stefano Garzelli won an arduous mountain time trial ahead of world champion Cadel Evans in the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday.

David Arroyo Duran of Spain held on to the overall leader's pink jersey and showed the pre-race favorites he won't be easy to pass before the race ends in Verona on Sunday.

"I'm prepared to fight with them until the end," Arroyo Duran said.

The 36-year-old Garzelli, who won the Giro 10 years ago, timed 41 minutes, 28 seconds in the 8-mile completely uphill leg from San Vigilio di Marebbe to Plan de Corones. "This is one of the best days of my career — at nearly 37 it's incredible," Garzelli said.

Evans finished 42 seconds behind and John Gadret of France was third, 54 seconds

Ivan Basso finished sixth in the stage, 1:10 behind, to move up from third to second overall, 2:27 behind Arroyo Duran. Richie Porte of Australia dropped to third overall, 2:36 behind, and Evans moved up a spot to fourth, 3:09 back.

"I really struggled today. It was a very tough stage for me," said Basso, who is considered the race favorite at this point. "There are still

point attempts in the closing seconds.

"There were a couple of plays down the stretch offensively that we botched, plain and simple. We're kicking ourselves. We had a great opportunity," Allen said. "There's no need to panic. We like the position we're in. But it's a lesson: We have to take care of the small things and we'll get to where we want to

In the Western Conference, the Los Angeles Lakers lead the Phoenix Suns 2-1, with Game 4 on Tuesday in Phoenix.

Boston fans had been chanting "Beat L.A." during games. But there was little of that on Monday.

"I know they (the Celtics players) heard it. They had no choice but to hear it," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

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Resurgent Red Sox beat Rays 6-1

their third straight win on a difficult road trip that began in Philadelphia. **Boston** starter

Clav Buchholz (6-3) won his eighth consecutive road start dating to last August. He allowed one run — Carlos Pena's homer over six innings.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Brett Cecil held the Angels scoreless into the eighth inning, steering Toronto past Los Angeles.

Cecil (4-2)has won consecutive starts since allowing eight runs in two innings May 14 at Texas. The Angels' only hits against him were a twoout single by No. 9 batter Kevin Frandsen in the third inning and a one-out single by Hideki Matsui in the eighth.

Cecil walked his next batter and was removed after 110 pitches.

Adam Lind drove in a pair (0-5), who lost his 11th of runs for the Blue Javs.

The Angels managed only two baserunners during the first seven innings and became the last team in the majors to be shut out.

Los Angeles starter Joe Saunders (3-6) was charged with three runs and five walks over 6 1-3 innings.

White Sox 7, Indians 2

Cleveland, Mark Teahen drove in three runs as Chicago snapped a five-game losing skid to Cleveland.

Teahen hit a two-run double in Chicago's four-run first inning off Justin Masterson

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No way was he going to

Brandon Phillips followed with an RBI single, and Joey Votto's run-scoring double completed the rally. Stubbs added a solo homer

straight decision.

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White Sox starter John Danks (4-3) got his first win in five starts, allowing two runs in five innings.

Alex Rios hit his ninth homer for the White Sox. Chicago's Omar Vizquel got his 2,764th career hit, tying Hall of Famer Luis Aparicio, his boyhood idol, for the second-most by a shortstop behind Yankees star Derek Jeter.

In other AL games it was, Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 2; Boston 6, Tampa Bay 1; and Toronto **6, L.A. Angels 0.** □

an inning later for a 7-2

Despite all the running, Harang held up on a muggy, 84-degree night. He left after giving up a two-run double by Delwyn Young in the seventh, when Pittsburgh cut it to 7-5. Harang threw 114 pitches.

The Pirates also lost first baseman Steve Pearce, who sprained his ankle in the second inning while chasing down Young's errant throw from third base. Young's throw led to an unearned run, and Pearce left the game an inning later.











Boston Red Sox's Kevin Youkilis, right, celebrates with teammate David Ortiz after hitting a fourth inning, two-run home run off Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Lance Cormier during a baseball game Monday, May 24, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Red Sox's Jason Varitek also scored on the hit.

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ST. PETERSBURG. Florida (AP) — Kevin Youkilis and David Ortiz homered to lead the resurgent Boston Red Sox to a 6-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in the American League on Monday.

Ortiz homered for the fifth time in his past nine games, hitting a solo shot off Wade Davis (4-4) in the second. Davis walked in a run and

yielded RBI singles to Adrian Beltre and Jeremy Hermida during a three-run

Youkilis, who is batting .400 (12 for 30) with five homers and 12 RBIs over his past nine games, made it 6-0 with a two-run shot in the fourth.

The Red Sox climbed a season-best four games over .500 (25-21) with

AL Roundup

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ddick wins in 5 at French; Henin, Nadal advance

HOWARD FENDRICH **AP Tennis Writer**

PARIS (AP) — Andy Roddick's preparation for this French Open was hardly traditional. Or ideal, from a purely tennis perspective, anyway.

He skipped a clay-court event in Rome so he could celebrate one-vear wedding anniversary with his wife, Sports Illustrated swimsuit cover model Brooklyn Decker. He missed another tuneup tournament in Madrid, laid low with a stomach virus.

Scrambling to get set, Roddick played a couple of hastily arranged exhibition matches and practiced a bunch at Roland Garros with fellow pro Mardy Fish, a pal since high school. If Roddick felt he needed more match time on his least favorite surface, he accumulated it in a hurry Monday, digging himself out of a hole and coming back to beat Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3 in the French Open's first

"It's kind of like when you miss an assignment in school, and they give you a chance to get extra credit. I've been trying real hard to get extra credit ... and I definitely wasn't match-tough," the sixth-seeded Roddick said. "There was a lot of ugliness out there today. But at the end of it, I get to play again."

So does a group of other Americans: Roddick and Fish are among five U.S. men into the second round, equaling the largest contingent at this Grand Slam tournament since six made it in 1998. Robby Ginepri knocked off 18th-seeded Sam Querrey 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2 in an all-American match Tuesday, while John Isner and Taylor Dent won Monday.

Querrey is a 22-year-old from Santa Monica, California, who had the best clay-court season of any U.S. man, winning a title at Belgrade, Serbia, this month. But after falling to 0-4 for his career at the French Open, Querrey described feeling what sounded like burnout. He said he'll fly home immediately and pull out of doubles; he was supposed to play with Isner.

"Not into it. Mentally not there. I mean, you know what? I don't know. Just did not enjoy myself out there. It's been like that on and off for, like, a while," Querrey said. "I don't want to be fighting myself out there and also fighting the opponent."

Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, hadn't competed on clay since last year's French Open, when he reached the fourth round for the first time - and he hadn't played on tour anywhere since April 4, when he won the hard-court title at Key Biscayne, Florida. "Spending three days in bed in Madrid wasn't the way we wrote it up," he said. "That was bad." Roddick's was not the only successful return Monday, when winners included four-time French Open champions Justine Henin and Rafael Nadal, as well as Maria Sharapova, who's won the other three major tournaments.

Playing at Roland Garros for the first time since 2007. Henin beat Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-4, 6-3 to run her winning streaks at her favorite event to 22 matches and 37 sets. Henin won titles at Roland Garros in 2003 and 2005-07, before taking a 20-month hiatus from tennis, and while she said before the event that she does not consider herself the defending champion, her skills make her a serious contender for another trophy.





Belgium's Justine Henin, left, waves after defeating Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova during their first round match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Henin won 6-4, 6-3; and Spain's Rafael Nadal, left, returns the ball to France's Gianni Mina during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Nadal won 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

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Upon returning, Henin said, she was "very nervous, which was normal. It's my tournament, and I didn't know really how I was going to deal with my emotions."

When it comes to time away, she's got nothing on Kimiko Date Krumm, who entered the French Open for the first time since 1996. Yes, you read that correctly: 1996.

Date Krumm retired at the end of that season, then resumed playing in 2008 at her husband's urging, and made quite a stir Tuesday, stunning former No. 1 Dinara Safina 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to become, at 39 years, 7 months, the oldest woman to win a match at Roland Garros since Virginia Wade was 2½ months older in

"If I lost, still, I'm very happy to be here," Date Krumm

She won despite a right calf injury that made her wonder if she'd be able to play in the second round. Safina was the runner-up at the French Open each of the past two years, but she was undone by 17 doublefaults and the same inability to close out a match she's displayed in the past.

"I will have to swallow this loss and keep on moving," said Safina, younger sister of twotime major champion Marat Safin. "After rain, always sun comes."

Nadal also sought to look on the bright side after assessing his play as "really bad" while



USA's Andy Roddick returns the ball to Finland's Jarkko Nieminen during their first round match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

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overwhelming the youngest player in the men's draw, 18year-old French wild card Gianni Mina, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

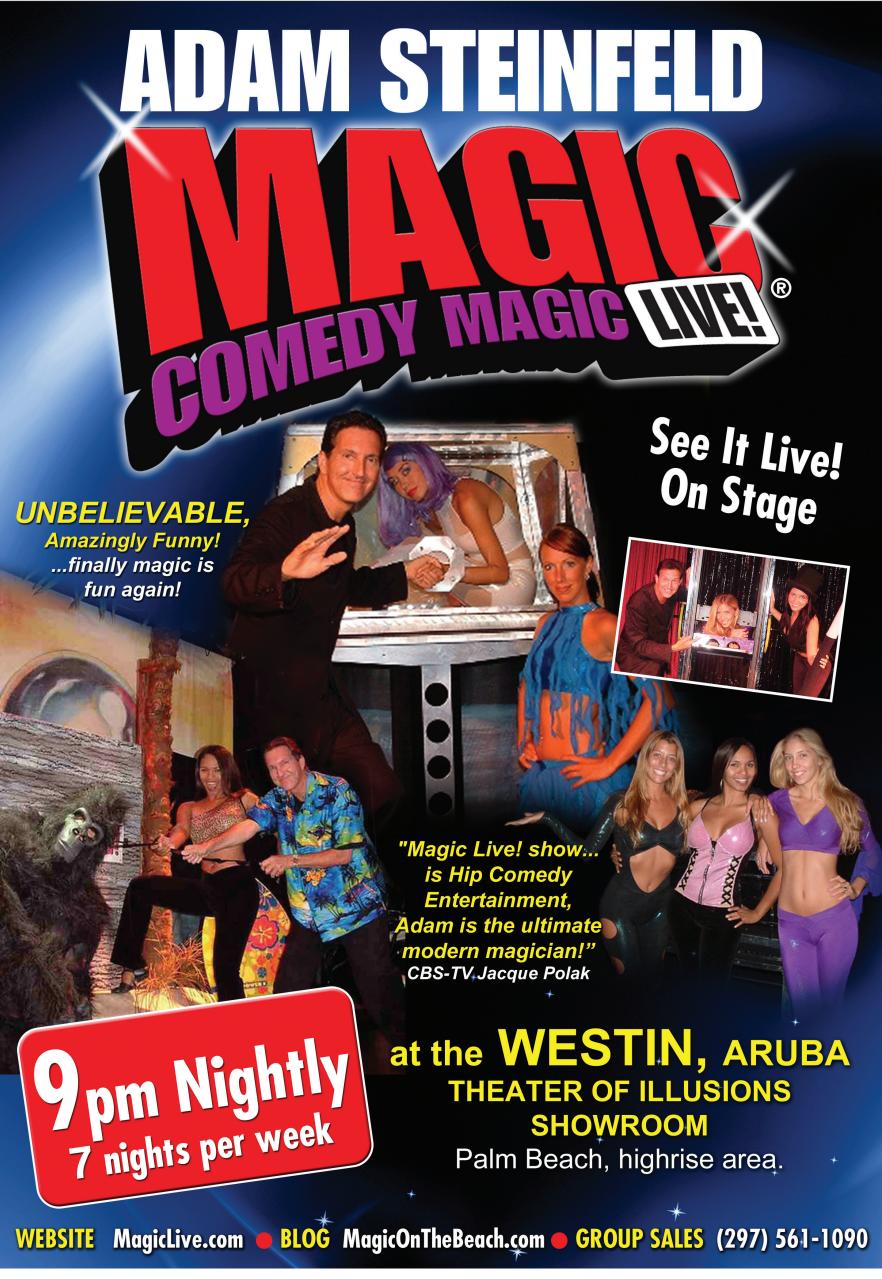
A year ago, Nadal's 31-match French Open winning streak ended with a fourth-round upset against Robin Soderling, but he figures he is on his way to a new run, saying that he remembers having what he considered spotty starts in the first round each of the four years he went on to win the

title.

"I know I have to refocus and calm down and move forward," Nadal said. "I think I will have no problems."

Roddick showed some rust, to be sure, but he also hit 19 aces and lost his serve only twice. Three points from defeat while ahead 5-4 in the tiebreaker, he hit a deft-touch forehand chip for a winner, then smacked a big forehand approach shot to close the set.





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Buccaneer Restaurant opens its doors on Sundays



NOORD -The legendary restaurant, Buccaneer is one of Aruba's oldest International seafood restaurants with a reputation of culinary greatness that spans over 3 decades.

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Jennifer and Justin tie the knot



RADISSON- On May 19, 2010, Jennifer Lynn Allen and Justin Peter Theriault were announced husband and wife at the historical Town Hall.

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YMCA Management Program highlights key business trends

Aruban executives discuss challenges and opportunities

To sustain competitiveness in a new economy

ORANJESTAD— "The greater our knowledge increases, the greater our ignorance unfolds. With these famous words by John F. Kennedy, the YMCA Educational Center in Aruba launched its Management Summer Program for executives, directors and managers. Targeting not only the youth and societal issues, but also the, predominantly small- and medium size, business community of Aruba, the YMCA is pursuing new strategies and programs to contribute to the professionalization and knowledge-based development of commerce and industry in Aruba.

According to Dr. Ryan Peterson, YMCA board member and program coordinator, there is a dire need for new knowledge to stimulate business development and entrepreneurship "as our business community and managers face increasingly more uncertain and turbulent times. We can no longer rely on truths and tools of the past, but have to reinvent our beliefs and behaviors regarding business in the 21st century. Our challenge is well beyond a mere recovery to normal, but a thoughtful rethinking and redesign of how value is created and captured in a new economy."

Strategizing and scenarios

During the first session of the management program, Dr. Peterson introduced the topic of strategizing in a new economy. This session was attended by several executives across a range of industries, including, commerce, services, retail, distribution, and legal services. Discussing the nature of political and economic nature of strategizing, the discussion centered on the different schools of thought on strategy and how companies strategize and make sense of a changing business landscape.

Based on an extensive study of global trends, different business scenarios were discussed in a 'think tank' style with participants, emphasizing the current importance, future impact and uncertainties associated with these different trends. The discussion centered on technology trends in the global and local environment, and the range of business strategies for dealing with these unfolding and uncertain realities.

The session also focused on a number of scenarios, such as, the collapse and increasing volatility of (global) financial market systems, involving financial recession, asset depletion, restricted cash flow, structural financial deficits, and bankruptcy. New financial power brokers are emerging, reshaping the global financial system, with intensified scrutiny of corporate and public governance.

There are also new economic powers that deserve attention now. There is a shifting of economic power to new emerging countries, such as Brazil, India and China, the transfer of wealth from 'North' to 'South', and the shaping of regionalism (e.g., Asia-Pacific) and new 'transnational' blocs (e.g., Brazil and South Africa). Other scenarios discussed were Shifting Market Landscape and New Business Models.

Peterson also addressed geopolitical trends during the session. He pointed out what he defined as Global Multi-Polarization, which entails the shift in power among nation-states, new



dimensions of power beyond military, the relative power of various non-state actors - including corporations, tribes, religious organizations, and criminal/terrorist networks - and the rise of political ideological conflicts, including nationalism and regionalism, and disputes over resources. He also spoke about national security threats that vary from international conflicts to the emergence of new weapon states and the acquisition of (nuclear/biological) materials by terrorist groups.

Socio demographic trends

Beyond economic and political developments, the seminar also discussed key socio-demographic trends, including the inter generational workforce, whereby baby boomers have to share the workspace with people of different generations (new elite and millennial, or people between 30 and 40, and the y-generation, namely those between 20 and 30). Moreover, there is a bias in the new workforce that leans toward female domination and an increasingly flexible, temporary workforce.

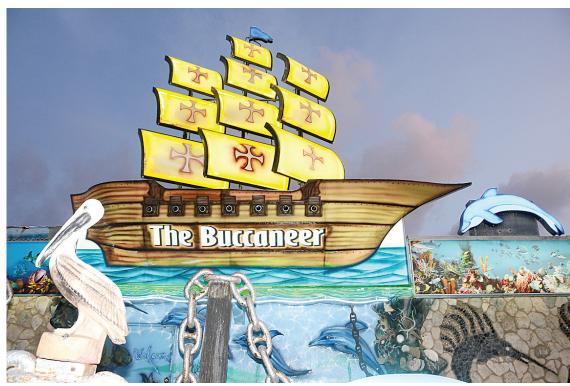
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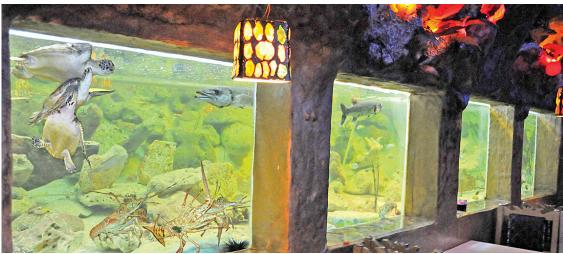


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NOORD —The legendary restaurant, Buccaneer is one of Aruba's oldest International seafood restaurants with a reputation of culinary greatness that spans over 3 decades. Everyone who enters the restaurant is welcomed by the maitre de and seated in one of our personalized cozy booths near an individual aquarium or seated in the large dining

room with a saltwater tank that holds 8,500 Gallons of Aruba's sea friends including various species of turtles, a shark, lobsters of every size and of course an array of tropical fish. The Buccaneer is renowned for their traditional seafood dishes, steaks, vegetarian and pasta dishes, all prepared with the culinary expertise of top chef's. Buccaneer is happy to

announce for the first time in history they will open there doors starting this Sunday. "Our phones keep ringing constantly about reservations for Sunday and guests always comment that they wish we were opened so with God's blessing we are now ready to take on Sundays from 11: 30 am – 10pm", stated owner, Vasty Munzenhofer.





Buccaneer is introducing a new menu just for Sunday with many of the locals favorite dishes and a new twist to grilled BBO sensations, to name a few such as: BBQ Ribs, chicken, grilled salmon, Fettucine Fra Diavolo with shrimp, chicken salad, breaded Grouper, aquamarine fish burger and the Buccaneer mixed grilled platter. This is not all though for Shrimp lovers we have a shrimp platter with Buccaneers signature shrimp dishes and this time you can choose from the six entrees, two favorites and top it over Pasta any way you like it. Our Shrimp

dishes include Shrimp Pernod, Garlic Shrimp, and Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat, Spicy Shrimp Madame Janette, Shrimp Provencal and the new entrée breaded shrimp. Come & see why the Buccaneer has been an Aruban legacy tradition for almost three decades; a unique dining experience never to forget. Buccaneer is home of Aruba's # 1 encyclopedic seafood menu and award winning seafood bouillabaisse. The gracious and attentive staff is at your service to assist in making your Sunday dining experience one to remember.

Aruban executives discuss challenges and opportunities

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Additionally, multi cultural diversity brought on by globalization and international migration of labor is a main factor, as well as the search for new talent to overcome depletion of productivity and rising unemployment. Peterson showed that factors like Corporate Social Responsibility, Natural Resource Management, Alternative Green Energy, Climate Change Impacts, New Global Technologies and Social Media Systems, such as web-based applications and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube) are not just for the geeks anymore, but are crucial elements to be considered in today's economy.

What emerged from the different discussions amongst the executives is a strategic map of business challenges and strategic opportunities. "In the short term, we see an emphasis being placed on

the design of new business models within a context of financial volatility, an increasingly diverse and dynamic workforce and labor market, and the transformation of a new market landscape of new consumers and customer wants and needs," Peterson said. But beyond today, executives also emphasize developments that are on the future horizon. "Herein we find the key challenge for business operating in today's turbulent environment, which is how to manage today's operations with losing sight of tomorrow's innovations. Becoming bi-focal and developing chameleon-like capabilities will become the new business imperative in the next couple of years."

Focus, Foresight and Flexibility

How to survive and sustain business will require and emphasis on the new fundamentals of business in a new economy, involving focus, foresight and flexibility. Without losing sight of tomorrow's developments, businesses need to focus on their current operations and redesign these in a lean and green fashion. But without foresight, intelligence and thoughtfulness, executives soon become the tail that wags the dog. And last but not least, managers need to develop strategic flexibility, which entails the organizational capability to pro-act in an integrated manner to unanticipated changes. "In the words of John F. Kennedy, conformity is the jailor of freedom and the enemy of growth," concludes Dr. Peterson. This week, YMCA Management Program continues with topics on building competitiveness, leading with intelligence, and creating new markets. Those interested can still register by contacting the YMCA Educational Center at Tel 582-3072 / 583-1301, or e-mail ymca dakaua@hotmail.com.



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Leaders that make a difference at The Westin Resort, Aruba



PALM BEACH - Last week, the managers and supervisors of The Westin Resort, Aruba gathered in the Buena Vista suite on the 17th floor of the resort for a celebration of acknowledgement of the top leaders of the property during the first quarter of 2010. Everyone enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while nominated supervisors and managers were each applauded for exemplifying Westin Hotels & ResortsR philosophy to "redefine efficient service with an effortless style and gracious attitude that ensures a truly unforgettable experience," and leading their employees and respective departments to do

the same.

The winner for Supervisor of the Quarter was Vernel Atijera from Pago Pago, who gives distinctive and personal attention to all guests in the resort's flagship restaurant, and for his proactive attitude in handling all situations that come his way. The Manager of the Quarter was Barbara Bird from the TR & DC department who was acknowledged for her positive and motivating spirit and the personal attention and dedication she gives to all associates.

Pictured here are nominees and winners. Congratulations to all!







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BTT Announces Amateur Photography Competition Winners



ORANJESTAD **RBTT** Group has Financial announced the winners of its first Environmental Amateur Photography Competition, awarding employees across the region with 1st place prizes of US\$500 and Judges' Awards of US\$200.

Employeesdemonstratedkeen appreciation for photography and the environment in the Competition which was organized by the Bank in observance of World Wetlands Day, the United Nations' World Water Day 2010, and the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day.

"Water is one of RBC's global priority environmental issues. In the Caribbean, it is important that we improve our understanding of the value and vulnerability of our

water resources, which RBC does through its Blue Water Project and which RBTT has started doing through this competition," said Suresh Sookoo, RBTT Group CEO.

RBTT employees were asked to submit entries on the theme "Water is Life", illustrating water's many facets and its significance as the single most important element for life. Submissions were invited in two categories: 1) photos portraying the beauty, importance and uses of water in supplying life and 2) photos depicting how people misuse and abuse valuable water resources.

Judges considered the entries for impact, composition/centre of interest, lighting, creativity, subject matter, storytelling and colour balance. Across RBTT

jurisdictions, the following prizes were awarded to employees:

Dutch Caribbean

1st place, Category 1 - Mr. Anne Harmsma, Suriname, winning entry: "Fisherman at Sunset"

1st Place, Category 2 - Satish Djasai, Suriname, winning entry: "Rosebel Gold Mines"

Judges' Award - Alvin Quandus, Aruba, winning entry: 'Dam Rooi Afo"

Eastern Caribbean

1st place, Category 1 -Damian Dyall, Barbados, "The winning entry: Importance of Water".

Jamaica

1st place, Category 1 - Roxanne Linton, winning "Rippling Waves entry: Hugging the Sea Wall"

Trinidad & Tobago

1st place, Category 1 - Stephen Jacobs, winning entry: "Pelicans in Flight"

1st place, Category 2 - Veerah Debideen, winning entry: "Mummy says I can't go in".

Judge's Award – Natalie Wong, winning entry: "The Bay Leaf Tree"

Head Judge, Solomon Baksh, applauded the quality of submissions, saying many



of the entries were almost professional standard, demonstrating strong composition and capturing the theme appropriately.

A professional water photographer, Baksh said: "I think this is a great initiative on the part of the Bank. If more people followed RBC & RBTT's lead in sensitizing us to environmental issues it would have a positive, knock-on effect for future

generations."

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'Got sand...play Beach Tennis!!'

Deloitte Beach Tennis event this Sunday at Eagle Beach



EAGLEBEACH-This Sunday BTA and Deloitte organize the 5th ranking tournament of the year. There will be 12 courts set up plenty of tents to provide shade, the famous bar with ice cold drinks for the around 180 participants and even more spectators!

There are a lot of 'new' players and especially the youth is coming up in huge numbers knocking on the door of the top players. That in combination with some tourist player make this event suitable for 'every body'!

BTA(Beach Tennis Aruba) is also proud to be officially part of the ITF world tour with their International tournament in November this year! Till that time the local players have plenty time to prepare and train for this \$ 10000.event sponsored by Marriott Stellaris casino.

Shane Thielman from (ASA) will hold a skimboard competition in the heavy shorebreak of Eagle beach during the day, you can call (6603316) for more info.

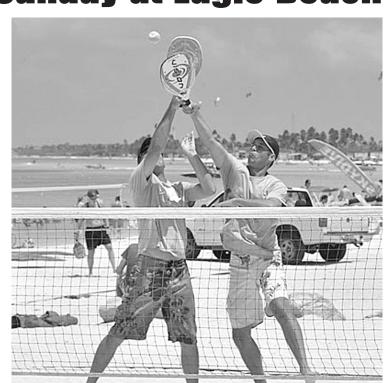
It's going to be an active Beach Tennis event this Sunday at Eagle beach!!

Deloitte Beach Tennis event Program:

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At Centro Di Bario Tanki Leendert

Barracudas Synchronized Swimmers Organize Food Sale & Flea Market

Fundraiser For Top Swimmers Representing Aruba



PALM BEACH, ARUBA (May 26th, 2010) – On Sunday June 6th, 2010 a food sale and flea market is organized at Centro di Bario Tanki Leendert. The Flea

market will be from 9:00am until 4:00pm and the food sale from 11:00am until 2:00pm.

All proceeds for this food sale and flea market will be used



to cover the travel expenses of the Barracuda Synchronized Swimming Club of Aruba's top swimming performers, who will represent Aruba abroad. The Barracuda girls that perform in the synchronized swimming selection train very hard, around some 15-20 hours per week to put in the best scores for Aruba. Upcoming performances include synchronized swimming contests in and Peru. The sports club does not have sufficient funds and therefore organizes this food sale and flea market at Centro di Bario Tanki Leendert as a fundraiser. Everybody is



welcome to join and great items will be for sale at the flea market!

The Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club was founded in 1975 and houses multiple top performing teams in synchronized swimming, consisting of girls (only) ranging in age from 6 to 18. With the Barracudas being the only synchronized swimming club in Aruba, they are well known throughout the Caribbean as one of the strongest performers in the region!

If you would like to be part of

this winning team and become a synchronized swimmer at the Barracudas Swimming Club you are most welcome to join. You must be in the possession of swimming diploma C, and if you like music, swimming, stretching and exercise, this might be just the sport for you! For more information, please contact president of the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club Michelle Pablo, tel 592 9551.

In the pictures: The selection team of the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club of Aruba ages 12 years and under.

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Six Successful Characteristics of Success

We all have goals and desires, and we all have the same 24 hours each day to achieve them. What then, is the difference between someone who reaches their goals and someone who is lost in endless struggle? While I intend to fill volumes with this topic alone, I offer you an abbreviated list of six important characteristics that will help you achieve your definition of success.

Organization – it is important to follow a plan. Start with rough ideas and refine

them into specific details. Start with rough timelines and synchronize them into a graceful flow of actions and milestones. Keep the plan dynamic and don't be afraid to change it along the way, but don't change the destination too much. Keep the direction the same so you don't waste your physical and mental effort.

Clear Goals – It is important to have a clear definition of what success means to each of us personally. Define your own measure of success. Your personal goals must come from inside you. Focusing on the details will help solidify what you desire. Your feeling about the details will indicate whether the they are your genuine goals, or if you're being affected by an external force.

Define the details of your success both emotionally and logically. Imagine yourself after you've achieved success and focus on how you feel. Embrace the emotional sensations coursing through your body.

What things, feelings, decisions and actions make you feel successful?

Mindset – You must set your mind to the fact that you will reach your definition of success.

When you imagine yourself surrounded by the details of your success, you are defining your future.

What is in your imagination has already happened, and Time simply has to catch up to your thoughts. You must know, in the face of your own doubt, that you do achieve success in the future. When you doubt

future. When you doubt yourself, taking action toward the goal will help release your hesitation. Persistance – We cannot let anything stand in our way. We cannot use excuses to stop ourselves just because we're afraid of hurting others or from fear of our own success. We must demand from ourselves that we will not allow any external force to sabotage us from attaining our personal goals.

In a self-defining moment, swear an oath to yourself that you will not let yourself get in your own way. Bind yourself to your promise by writing a letter to yourself, stating that you are worthy of reaching your goals, and that you will not let your ego's fear stop you. Sign it, date it, frame it and hang it in front of the toilet so you'll read it every day.

Self-Motivation – No one can achieve success for us. Only you can organize your energy into the details of a plan, then act to accomplish it in the face of your own resistance. The fundamental challenge is to overcome ourselves

These are six fundamental personal characteristics that will make you a success. Incorporate them into your

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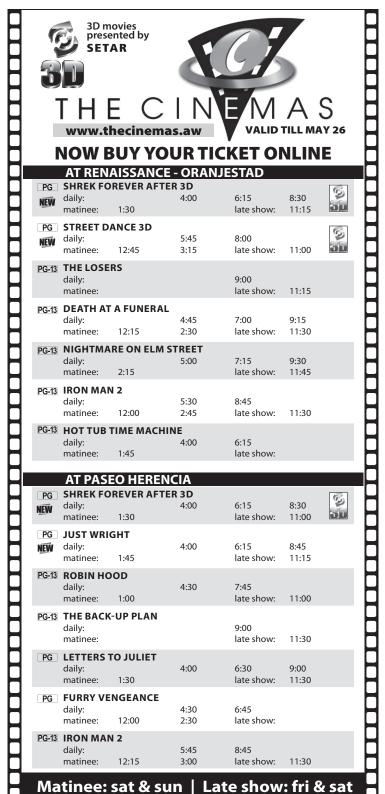
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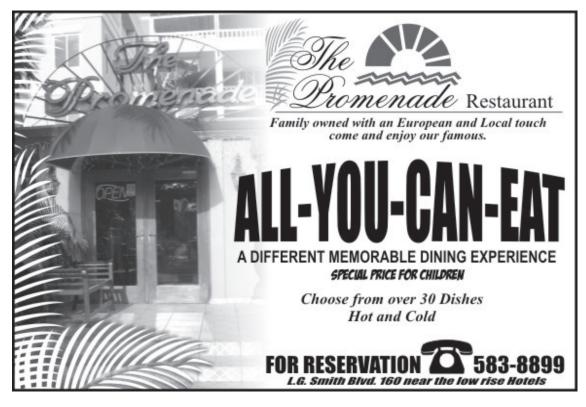
~Quentin Danziger

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HumanHints is the culmination of his knowledge, experience and practice. These free daily emails detail concrete, real-world techniques to consciously create any future you choose, while in the throes of daily life created by outdated modes of thought.

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The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin



with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red Snapper, served with Rice and a salad.

All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we import directly from Andalucía. As your main course you could choose our Paella, traditionally prepared on the spot by our chef! Combine this Spanish dish with our home-made sangria to complete your dinner.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

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RAHEEM DEVAUGHN to shakeup Aruba on Saturday night

SANNICOLAS-The Great Recession. The War on Terror. Global warming. The Earth-shattering quake in Haiti. Between man-made messes and natural disasters, it seems like we're all catching hell these days. Rather than shy away from the financial, physical and emotional challenges so many of us face, Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Raheem DeVaughn tackles them head on with The Love & War MasterPeace, his most ambitious

"The Love & War MasterPeace is one half social commentary, one half love," explains the soul singer. "With everything going on, it just feels like the right time for it. As a country I think we've made some progress, but we remain divided —it's still poverty versus wealth and good versus evil. We're separated by skin color and religion, politics and control over natural resources. I think of this album as a natural extension of where I am personally and where we are as

To connect the thematic dots, DeVaughn tapped Princeton professor and public intellectual Dr. Cornel

West for a series of poetic, politically charged interludes.

The unlikely pair met at the 2007 BET Hip-Hop Honors ceremony and if you don't know who he is, he commands you to listen," says DeVaughn. "He's in tune with his power and he uses it for good."

Largely produced by Kenny Dope, The Love & War MasterPeace is combination of song that are half socially conscious and half love. For example, on the bluesy "Soldier's Story," DeVaughn sings a dialogue between a nervous young man headed to Iraq and his worried mother. "That song was inspired by a friend of mine in Maryland," he notes. "I saw him in the barbershop right before he left for Iraq. The next time I ran into him, he was missing both of his legs."

For the breathtaking peace anthem, "Nobody Wins a War," DeVaughn recruited a soul sonic force of R&B greats including Jill Scott, Bilal, Anthony Hamilton, Ledisi, Chrisette Michele, Citizen Cope, Dwele and Chico DeBarge. "I've always wanted to do a record like 'We Are the World.' When [longtime producer] Kenny Dope played me the track, I was like 'Yo, this is that record!,'" DeVaughn recalls. "I made a crazy wish list of people and personally reached out to everybody. Most of them said yes. The result is big." Rounding out the politically minded thread of the album



musically are wicked verses by Ludacris, who appears on the lead single "Bulletproof," Bun B ("Wing & a Prayer") and Damien "Jr. Gong" Marley ("Revelation 2010").

Of course, the man behind the Grammy-nominated smash hits "Woman" and "Customer" gives equal play to matters of the heart. Standouts from The Love & War MasterPeace include "I Don't Care," the Ne-Yoproduced second single about maintaining a relationship in the face of haters; "The Greatness," which features Wale and picks up where "Woman" left off; and "Calling Me," a slinky Norman Connors-style romp that exploits the full power of DeVaughn's falsetto. DeVaughn displays his playful side on "Lose Control," a sprawling, 11-minute house party jam featuring underground firestarter Phil Ade, and "B.O.B."

The son of renowned jazz musicianAbdul Wadud, DeVaughn grew up in Maryland and cut his teeth

performing in clubs throughout the Washington, D.C. area. After several indie releases, which he sold on the streets and at his shows, the crooner have kept in close touch ever since. "Dr. West has an infectious spirit. Even signed with Jive Records and dropped The Love Experience, his slepton 2005 debut. DeVaughn broke through commercially with 2007's Love Behind the Melody, which earned him two Grammy nods, two BET J Awards for "Best Male R&B Artist" and "Album of the Year" as well as a prime slot on tour with Jill Scott.

Although he's become one of modern soul's most beloved artists, DeVaughn continues to grind.

In addition to releasing 8 mixtages over the past 7 years, he's co-written songs with funk legend Bootsy Collins, and will be featured in his first acting role playing blues singer Andrew Tibbs, in Who Do You Love, a biopic about Chess Records set to release this spring. He also leads the DMV Movement, an artistic union of D.C.-Maryland and Virginia artists, including Wale and Phil Ade (who is the first signed artist from his newly formed 368 Music Group record label). DeVaughn has taken a philanthropical stance by partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to produce a series of PSAs about HIV/AIDS prevention. While narrow minds might find it difficult to reconcile all of DeVaughn's passions, he remains firmly committed to being every bit of himself.

Multiple Grammy Award Winner MARY J. BLIGE on Aruba

On Saturday night, Aruba will stop to listen to Mary J. Blige, who is one of the greatest singers of our time. The proof is in the consistent #1 albums and singles, six (6) Grammy awards, seven (7) multi-platinum records and 15-years of love from the public, critics and fellow artists. Since her 1992 debut - the modern classic What's the 411 all the way to 2005's stunning The Breakthrough Mary J. Blige has helped to redefine R&B, and more importantly, been an artist that uses her gift to lift spirits, touch lives and bring her heart, soul and truth to those who are willing to listen.

Mary's eighth studio CD, Growing Pains, comes on the heels of Mary's best-selling anthology Reflections (2006). It's also her first CD of new material since The Breakthrough debuted at #1, selling over an astonishing 700,000 copies its first week - setting a record at that time as the best opening week for a solo R&B female artist in SoundScan history. The album's

first single, "Be Without You," also made chart history by holding down the #1 spot on the Billboard "Top R&B/Hip Hop Albums" chart for a record breaking sixteen (16) straight weeks; making it her biggest hit, so the R&B chart in over 40 years. As if that wasn't achievement enough your 'till the morning'." The Breakthrough and "Be Without You" earned an astonishing eight (8) Love's the force behind "Roses," another collaboration with Tricky Stewart Grammy award nominations with Mary winning three (3).

Ask what fans can expect from Growing Pains and Mary J. Blige is characteristically upfront. "They're going to get a sense of what my state all roses and candy. of mind is and how I view the world," she says. "And hopefully, most of all, they're going to hear just the sincere honesty and love that I have duet with Usher that has the feel of those classic R& B partnerships. for them. I'm always putting myself out there like, look. I love ya'll. I Throughout Growing Pains you hear Mary pushing herself in ways she commitment. I hope they're going to be very happy with that."

You can hear Mary's own happiness and strength all throughout Growing She also continues to mature in the studio: taking control of the total Pains. Working in partnership with some of the best in the game e.g., Tricky and Dream, Neyo and Stargate, The Neptunes, Dre and Vidal, Jazze Pha, Sean Garrett, and featuring guest appearances by Ludacris, and Usher, Growing Pains is the sound of an artist in love, in touch, in control, and not afraid to show it. More than anything Growing Pains gives you straight up Mary letting the public share her world, and delivering a message that says, Love yourself. Believe in yourself and kick negativity to the curb. Mary makes her message loud, clear and seriously funky on the hit single matters. The journey. The growth. The love. And as always, the music and "Just Fine," produced by Jazze Pha and Tricky and written by Mary and



for the most Top 10 songs on the chart in the Neilson Music Era (from 1993). "Just Fine," a celebration of life, gives you Mary fierce and (as the video shows) glamorous. The songs' vibe? "Sometimes it feels like you're having this miserable time, like all 365 days of the year are tough. But then, you get one of those days; maybe when your hair is great, or you're not stuck in traffic; where it's a 'just fine' day. At some point," Mary laughs. "You've got to have one or two of those.'

The party and positivity keeps on keeping on with the rump shaking second single "Work That" - currently featured on an Apple iPod commercial. "Work That" is upbeat, strong and deals with finding the good in you. "When I meet a woman who doesn't know what to do about her weight or her hair I always says to her 'whatever it is that you have, make that

Mary takes her own advice on the non-stop jam "Till the Morning. Produced by the Neptune's and written by Pharrell, "Till The Morning" takes you way back by referencing 80's club classics. Mary states: "It's far, of a career filled with them. In addition "Be Without You" made its about whatever your 'till the morning' is. If it's hanging in the club all way into history books when it became the longest running #1 song on night, if it's lying in bed with your man and enjoying him all night - that's

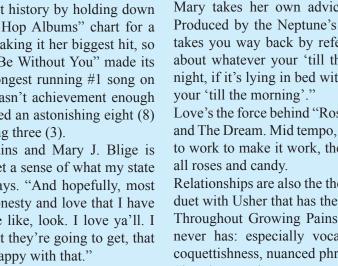
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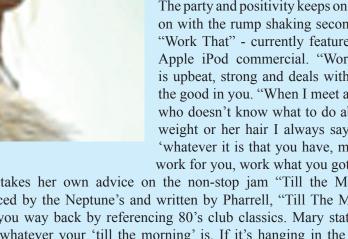
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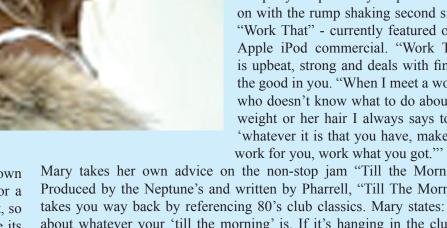
got ya'll. I'm rocking with ya'll. So that's what they're going to get, that never has: especially vocally. There are jazzy inflections, girl group coquettishness, nuanced phrasing: a full range of tones and textures.

> recording and creative process and doing so with confidence and chops. "Making records is different than when I started because now I know what I want and there's not fifty people running the show. Now (husband/creative partner) Kendu Isaacs and I run the show. Kendu's ear is good, my ear is good, and we're honest with each other."

Needless to say, when you have that type of success all eyes are on the next release. Mary keeps it all in perspective by focusing on what really the fans. "I'm still trying to heal and get better and that's what Growing Dream. The single makes for Mary's eighteenth (18th) top 10 single on Pains represents. It's about accepting that there's pain that goes along with Billboard's "Hot R&B/Hip Hop Songs" chart tying her with Mariah Carey growing and change. No pain, no gain."







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Jennifer and Justin tie the knot



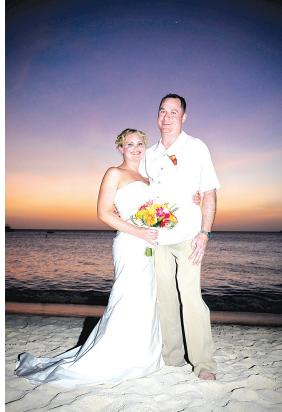




RADISSON- On May 19, 2010, Jennifer Lynn Allen and Justin Peter Theriault were announced husband and wife at the historical Town Hall. The lovebirds reside in Salem, MA and met five years ago at work and have been together

ever since. There bond of love is so special that once you gaze at them it is obvious they were meant to be.

Justin proposed while vacationing for a week at Jennifer's family beach house. One evening after a romantic



dinner they went for a walk on the beach and Justin wrote "Jenni will you marry me?" in the sand! It was a picture perfect moment and Jennifer said YES with tears of joy.

The wedding took place on May 20, 2010 at Radisson Aruba Resort. Aunt Buffy delivered the sermon as the forty guests witnessed the beach blessing.

Jennifer and Justin exchanged rings and were announced husband and wife.

Following the ceremony Bella Aruba Photography captured the "Once in a Lifetime moments as the sunset behind the horizon."

An intimate cocktail party took place on the beach as everyone enjoyed appetizers and congratulated the newlyweds.

Immediately following at the reception held around the pool



They took the dance floor with the first dance followed by parent dances, cake cutting and speeches.

The enchanted evening was perfect... It was all possible thanks to Lisa Dammerman

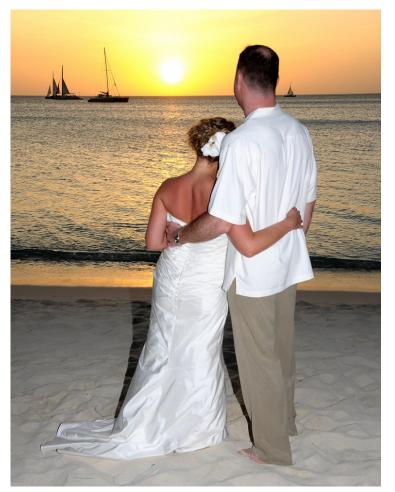
perfect... It was all possible thanks to Lisa Dammerman of Radisson Resort, the bridal expert who created everything that the couple desired. The Radisson staff was very attentive at making sure each guest was satisfied.

We loved everything about our wedding day and we want to thank our guests for being a part of our special day.

Aruba is our favorite vacation spot, we love everything about it and being here makes us happy", stated the newlyweds

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer







Breathing Hard

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A sudden difficulty in breathing with a tight feeling in the chest including coughing was described by the Greeks as "azein." This is the word that asthma comes from. These symptoms are considered a disease of the respiratory system and are sometimes caused by allergies.

There are two types of asthma, extrinsic and intrinsic. Extrinsic asthma is caused by allergies that can affect the lungs, skin, and mucous membranes. Intrinsic asthma does not stimulate the body's immune system and is a reaction to such things as cold air, exercise, infection, chronic inflammation, emotional upsets, and irritating smells.

About 34 million North Americans have been diagnosed with asthma, and the number is expected to rise dramatically. According to the Center for Disease Control in the United States asthma is "a more severe disease than before, despite modern drug treatments; from 1982-1992, the death rate from asthma in United States increased the 35% " These statistics are flattering to neither the pharmaceutical giants nor conventional doctors.

Children younger than ten suffer the most from asthma. Medical researchers have shown that children under age 3 who receive the nasal flu vaccine had a higher risk of developing asthma within weeks of receiving the vaccine. Researchers in Finland have found that children delivered through modern medical childbirth

interventions appear to be at greater risk for developing childhood asthma than children delivered naturally. Babies delivered by Cesarean Section have a 38% increased risk of developing asthma, Vacuum Extraction a 32% increase, and Forceps Delivery have a 114% increase.

Professionally, encourage all healthy, expectant mothers to use a midwife and promote all women who are able, to breastfeed as long as possible. This is the single most important thing a mother can do for her baby. Introducing milk other than breast milk to infants younger than 4 months old increases the risk of asthma and a predisposition to certain allergies. Babies given bottle milk before their fourth month are 25% more likely to be diagnosed with allergies than are children who received only breast milk during their early months. The length of exclusive breastfeeding is less important, though longer breastfeeding has been associated with less asthma and allergy.

Childhood respiratory problems, including asthma, may be linked to inhaling the mixture of chemicals emitted from disposable diapers. Studies show that chemical emissions of some disposable diapers had immediate health effects in animals. Cotton dippers now come in convenient to clean and use styles, so there is no excuse not to go natural. Actually, it is wise to avoid all chemicals if possible. Read the labels of the products you use on you child or to clean their clothes and your home. Choose nontoxic, biodegradable options, and don't be fooled by the word "natural". Natural may only be part of a product full of unnatural additives.

Another huge problem with breathing is that children who live in a home where people are polluting the air with secondhand cigarette and cigar smoke are prone to more respiratory infections, including ear, nose and throat. Luckily, many offices are smoke-free today, but we have many adults come to us with lung and respiratory problems from working in a smoky environment.

And these are not the only problems linked to breathing problems. We know that antibiotics are linked to asthma and allergies many times causing production of excess mucus and breathing problems. A Canadian study found children treated with antibiotics under the age of one are twice as likely to develop asthma in childhood. Early studies suggested antibiotics and other drugs could affect the way the immune system works. Experts believe they kill off beneficial bacteria in the intestine and that this may lead to changes in the way the body deals with disease. Most mild asthma does not surface until the body is compromised with an upper respiratory viral infection. Antibiotics do not to fight viruses. I recommend using sea water and sunshine as therapy for many viruses.

Many people including doctors are unaware or ill informed when it comes to the profound impact that diet has on most allergies. Cow milk, including in baby formula

is one of the most offensive, mucus producing foods today. As a clinical nutritionist, after eliminating most milk from the diets of anyone suffering from asthma or allergies, I suggest healthier calcium rich foods like rice milk or dark green vegetables for growing and maintaining strong bones and teeth. Then, I recommend Lactobacillus acidophilus the most commonly used probiotic, or "friendly" bacteria. These healthy bacteria inhabit the intestines and protect against the entrance and proliferation of "bad" organisms that can cause disease. L. acidophilus also produces lactase, the enzyme that breaks down milk sugar (lactose) into simple sugars. People who are lactose intolerant do not produce this enzyme. For this reason, L. acidophilus supplements may be beneficial for these individuals.

At our clinic, we also look at the health of the mother or caretakers, which can affect the health of the children. Candida Albicans, common yeast out of control for example can be passed between close family members and causes a number of problems. When possible, I prefer to see the child together with the mother or caretaker to make a full evaluation

Get The Point! If your child has a cough that lasts for more than several weeks and if does not respond to cough suppressants, the likelihood of asthma is VERY high. Other common symptoms include colds that always seem much worse than other children their age. Another clue is if your child



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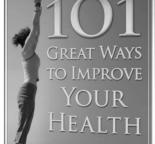
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David was nominated by Harold Maduro who complimented his willingness to help, his attention to detail and his "Yes, I Can" attitude. Rosa Maduro, joined Harold also nominating David for the coveted award, citing his cooperative nature, and his ability to team



play, besides being committed to excellence and consistent in his performance.

David received heartfelt congratulations from his peers, on board the Cruzan Cat sunset boat trip and shared the photo opportunity with other well-deserving nominees, Germaine Wever, and Lisa Dammerman both commended for their enthusiasm, friendliness and great people

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Gulf Oil Spill: Obama Administration Insists Its Options Are Limited When It Comes To BP

Sam Stein

Under heat that it's simply not motivating enough resources to deal with the increasingly catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf, the administration insisted -- yet again but with a bit more vehemence -- on Monday that its options in handling the crisis

"To push [the responsible party] BP out of the way would raise the question: Replace them with what?" said Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad W. Allen when asked why a company that caused the spill and has proved inept at solving it remained in charge.

Allen punctuated his quote with a shrug -- waiting a few seconds for his questioner to answer the rhetorical retort. The fact that he was in the briefing room at all was a reflection of an apparent sense of despair and frustration that has crept into this White House. More than a month after BP's Deepwater Horizon rig began leaking oil at an alarming rate, little progress has been made. In light of the lethargy, a number of environmental activists, political observers and even strategists within the Democratic Party have begun demanding the the president get more active (whether in appearance or substance). And there has been more discussion that, under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the federal government actually has an obligation to take over the response should it be determined that the spill is "of such a size or character as to be a substantial threat to the public health or welfare of the United States."

But Allen kept beating back suggestions that the government Isn't already playing an active role (it is the adviser and manager of BP's technicians, he noted) and that further involvement won't yield results.

"I'm not a lawyer," he stressed, when ask if the legal purview exists for the feds to sweep in. "That may be true but it wouldn't be my recommendation... they have the means of production, they have logistics in place... we are jointly operating out of their command post in Houston. Everyone who has a stake in the fight is there. I'm satisfied with the coordination that is going on." "As it stands right now, at least in my opinion," he concluded, "the means of production are in the hands of BP. They just need to do their job."

Calling the spill an "unprecedented anomalous event," Allen said that he had talked with other industry executives to weigh their opinions of how the spill should be handled. Unanimously, he said, they agreed with what BP has done so far.

"When I have the CEO of a large oil company and drilling company saying they would follow the same sequence of events, that tells me there isn't anything to gain by [by replacing BP with them]," Allen said.

Gulf oil spill: Could NASA come to the rescue?

Houston – Eager to avoid the public relations disaster that decked the Bush administration in the wake of hurricane Katrina, the Obama White House has made a great effort to be on top of the oil crisis in the Gulf. The government has mobilized the usual suspects – the Department of Homeland Security and Coast Guard - and pried open the usual cans of alphabet soup: the NOAA, EPA, MMS, etc.

But, one arrangement of letters is missing from the mix: NASA.

The "aeronautic" in the National Aeronautic and Space Administration seems to explain why: NASA's place is in outer space, not inner space. But it may well be that these two frontiers - weightless vacuum versus watery depths – actually share common ground. While BP faces a vast environmental and financial crisis, NASA faces a profound institutional and identity crisis. These crises could lead to a mutual solution. At the very least, NASA's experience could now be tapped to help the oil industry avoid future catastrophes.

Consider first the delicate issue of risk assessment: NASA has won its reputation for great caution by the dint of tragic experience. There are few organizations where the costs of error are so great, and consequently the quest for safety is so pronounced. There is a veritable culture based on testing and operational redundancy. NASA's official motto is "For the Benefit of All," but in the wake of the Challenger and Columbia accidents, the unofficial motto has become "Never Again."

As a government organization, NASA's bottom line is not financial, but prudential. Its culture diverges dramatically from the culture of, say, BP or Transocean. These firms, of course, would never knowingly gamble with the lives of their employees. With undoubted sincerity, one of Transocean's lawyers dismissed the criticism that his client was cutting corners in pursuit of profit: "It is in [Transocean's] interest that these tests be performed correctly and completely."

Who among us would disagree with this claim? But who among us would disagree with the proposition that the terms "knowingly" and "interests" are neither simple nor straightforward? The limits of our "knowledge" in a particular field are usually self-imposed, while our "interests" are determined by our

Take, for example, the protocols used in deepwater drilling. The Minerals Management Services (MMS) is the government agency tasked with oversight of offshore rigs. Yet recent reports reveal serious lapses. The sex and drug scandal of 2008 and special gifts from the oil industry were bad enough. But the bigger problem is that MMS left the testing criteria for the failed blowout devices - destined to become to our age what O-rings were to the age of the Challenger space shuttle

that exploded in 1986 – to Transocean, the very same firm that operated these devices under the pressure of meeting schedule, budgetary, and overall programmatic concerns.

Much has been written on the redundancy capacity of the blowout preventers. But two elements to the reports have been constant. First, the existing system depended on a single hydraulic line.

As a result, whether there are three or 300 redundancy mechanisms, if the hydraulic line fails, they all fail. Second, the MMS never demanded the deployment of additional backup systems, despite the fact that other oilproducing countries require them.

If NASA were a country, it would have to be in this same company. Would it have ever put into service so critical a machine like the blowout preventer without adding several layers of fault protection, perhaps beyond redundancy on the device itself?

Absolutely not - unless it were either impossible or the risk was deemed acceptable. Yet it is equally hard to imagine, in a world of self-regulation, corporate players like BP, Transocean, and Cameron making a very passionate case for the additional complexity and associated overhead of such systems to reduce the risk to their shareholders. Inevitably, corporate "interests" do not always dovetail with public interest.

These issues are largely legal and political, and will take months to resolve.

But NASA could play a critical role in the pressing technical issues that now confront the oil spill in the Gulf. While it appears self-evident that all appropriate government agencies should be called on to act in any national crisis, NASA remains on the sidelines nearly a month since the fatal event in the Gulf.

This is tragic.

NASA's unrivalled expertise and experience in extreme remote environments, complex operations, high pressure complex fluid flows, data and imaging needs, robotic systems, complex analytical modeling, manufacture of critical and specialized hardware, and safety and hazards management make it a perfect fit as a key responder in the Gulf.

Not only might it have the institutional knowledge to help the oil industry with current safety management, but it might also rescue BP from such errors in the future. Who knows? It might also rescue itself.

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Elecciones en Colombia

Duros retos enfrentará próximo presidente de Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) próximo Εl presidente de Colombia. independientemente de quien sea elegido el domingo, tendrá el reto de combatir la corrupción, el desempleo y la pobreza, además de mejorar la cobertura de salud y educación para garantizar su gobernabilidad en un país que reclama cambios.

A diferencia de los comicios presidenciales anteriores cuandolos electores, hastiados de la violencia de la guerrilla en medio del conflicto interno, reclamaban más seguridad, en está oportunidad los temas sociales y la corrupción dominan las prioridades de los colombianos, de acuerdo con analistas. El candidato oficialista del Partido de la U, Juan Manuel Santos, y el ex alcalde de Bogotá y líder del Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, se encuentran en un



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el domingo 30 de mayo para ganar la presidencia, por lo que será necesaria una segunda vuelta, el 20 de junio, cuando las alianzas con los candidatos y partidos derrotados serán decisivas.

"El tema de la corrupción es un tema crítico porque afecta absolutamente a todas las esferas y a todas las acciones de la sociedad, el sector público, el sector privado, afecta la política, la economía, el Congreso, la justicia, al ejecutivo, todas las esferas", dijo la politóloga Elizabet Ungar, directora ejecutiva de Transparencia por Colombia. "Si no se avoca la corrupción, la gobernabilidad se va a seriamente afectada solamente porque la corrupción afecta la calidad de vida, sino porque la corrupción afecta la legitimidad de las instituciones y la credibilidad que sus ciudadanos tienen en las instituciones", explicó Ungar.









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